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The Honorable Bruce Duke  
Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of SC  
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Re: Petition of LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC for Arbitration  
Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as  
amended by the Communications Act of 1996, and Pursuant to S.C. Code  
Ann. § 58-9-280(D) (1976), as Amended for Rates, Terms and Conditions  
with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Docket No.: 2004-44-C

Dear Mr. Duke:

Based on various extensions to which the parties have agreed, BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s ("BellSouth's") responses to Level 3 Communications, LLC's ("Level 3's") discovery requests would have been due this week. I am pleased to report, however, that BellSouth and Level 3 have resolved all issues in this matter and are in the process of finalizing an interconnection agreement that will be filed with the Commission in the near future. Given that Level 3's discovery requests are now moot, BellSouth will not be responding to them.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Patrick W. Turner

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cc: Parties of Record  
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